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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: EUR CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFER-
ENCE (S/S NO. 7503061)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM HARTMAN

1. I PREVIOUSLY RECOMMENDED (ACTION MEMORANDUM OF JANUARY 15, 1975) THAT YOU PARTICIPATE IN A CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETING OF OUR AMBASSADORS FROM EAST AND WEST EUROPE IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR PLANNED VISIT TO CARDIFF ON MARCH 6. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE MEETING BE HELD IN LONDON IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING OR FOLLOWING YOUR CARDIFF STOP. SUBSEQUENTLY (ACTION MEMORANDUM FEBRUARY 5, 1975), I RECOMMENDED THAT A CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE NOT BE HELD AT THAT TIME BECAUSE OF SERIOUS TRAVEL FUND CONSTRAINT WHICH HAVE REQUIRED US TO IMPOSE A FREEZE ON ALL BUREAU-FUNDED TRAVEL.

2. I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE WE SHOULD NOT HOLD A CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE AT THE TIME PREVIOUSLY SUGGESTED; BUT IF YOU WISH TO GO FORWARD, AN EARLY DECISION IS NEEDED FOR
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ADEQUATE ADVANCE PLANNING (WE DO NOT PLAN TO HOLD THE

MEETING IF YOU CANNOT TAKE PART).

23. NO RELIEF FROM THE TRAVEL FUND RESTRICTIONS IS IN SIGHT, AND WITHIN PRESENT CEILINGS WE COULD NOT FUND SUCH A MEETING WITHOUT SERIOUSLY CRIPPLING OTHER ESSENTIAL OR IMPORTANT BUREAU TRAVEL. IN VIEW OF THE SHORT LEAD TIME STILL REMAINING IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ORGANIZE THE MEETING TO ENSURE THE FULLEST SUBSTANTIVE RETURNS. BY RESCHEDULING THE MEETING FOR LATER IN THE CALENDAR YEAR AND PERHAPS RELOCATING IT IN WASHINGTON WE CAN BETTER ASSURE YOUR PARTICIPATION UNDER LESS PRESSING CIRCUMSTANCES AND DEVELOP A FULLER PROGRAM FOR THE EUR AMBASSADORS WITH SENIOR DEPARTMENT AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS PARTICIPATING.

4. RECOMMENDATION:

OPTION 1: THAT NO RPT NO EUR CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE BE HELD IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR MARCH 6 TRIP TO CARDIFF.

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OPTION 2: ALTERNATIVELY, THAT YOU PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING OF EUR AMBASSADORS IN LONDON EITHER MARCH 4-5 OR MARCH 7-8.

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